

Member Profile

Julie Woods

What year were you born?
1958

What town were you born in?
Wellington. New Zealand

Where did you grow up?
Wellington and Auckland . N.Z

How influential were your parents regarding Ponies?
None..didn't have any

What was your first pony's name?
Blue

What is your favourite pony you have bred?
Haven't breed any, buy mine fom Dunelm Pony Stud

What is your favourite pony you have seen?
I really can't choose, I love an upfront going pony with big eyes and it must have small ears.

What is the most amazing moment you have had with a Pony?
Having Dunelm Mesmerize, who is a roan make top ten newcomer small pony at Barastoc and also winning the Part Welsh at Barastoc 2yrs running and then he went on to win the APSB Pony Achiever of the Year Award.

What is the proudest moment you have had with a Pony?
Winning Barastoc Newcomer Small Pony 2009 with Dunelm Rockstar. It is something you dream about and to be able to achieve it makes all the hard work and long hours fade in your mind.

What is the most embarrassing moment you have had with a Pony?

My sons pony was dressed up as a milking cow in fancy dress and decided to have a wee in the milking bucket

What is the toughest problem you have ever faced with a pony?

Breaking in Dunelm Rockstar! He just didn't like me! Thank goodness he liked my rider Katherine Galloway, together they made magic.

What haven't you done yet that you would like to do with your ponies?

Be able to afford to go to the Grand Nationals

Who were some of the influential people in your life with ponies?

The Zammit Family, Marcia and Anne Adams and all those professional showies who are more than happy to answer me if I ask for advice.

What was the greatest piece of advice ever given to you regarding ponies?

Buy mine, they are better than his!

Advice you would give regarding ponies to other people?

Buy Aussie ponies, they are great. Listen, look and always ask before you purchase. There are so many beautiful ponies out, buy what suits you best.

When did you first become a member of the APSB?

7-8 years ago

What does the APSB mean to you?

One membership for lots of breeds

What change in the APSB has brought about the most positive/negative change that you have seen?

Negative - change of venue for Stud Show Positive - taking back the reins at Barastoc

Where do you see pony breeds in general in the future?

Sadly I feel the Aussie pony is dying which is a shame as they are a very versatile pony and I love them

What do you think has helped make you successful?

My time spent in the "Cup King's" racing stables - Mr JB (Bart) Cummings. He is a master and his knowledge of seeing a good horse and feeding each horse individually is something I have never forgotten

Asking professionals for advice, more than not they are happy to help.

Finally, learning to weld, having my own business, and being told you only get out of it what you are prepared to put in!!

What successes have you had over the years?

Too many to mention since my association with Dunelm Stud.

What role do you think the following organisations play in relation to the APSB?

Pony Club .

To me it's just a starting block

Agricultural Shows

Gets our wonderful ponies out and about for all to see

Pony Dressage

Shows how amazing these ponies really are

Trail Riding

Versatility

Adult Riding

Helps out us oldies,

Olympic Dressage .

We have so many breeds under the banner, some of them do get to this standard

Royal Shows..

A place for APSB ponies to be shown off

Stud Show

This is where we get to see the up and coming and show off our lovely ponies

Thoroughbred Racing..

Without this sport where would our lovely hacks come from

Julie driving Dunelm Meserise at
2009 Victorian Stud Show
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